

Yakutat Area Subsistence Fishing

The Yakutat Area includes all waters and drainages of Alaska between the longitude of Cape Suckling and the longitude of Cape Fairweather. These regulations apply on inland waters within or adjacent to the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve, Tongass National Forest, and Glacier Bay National Preserve (Glacier Bay National Park is closed to subsistence fishing) and excludes marine waters. General domain lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management are open to fishing only on non-navigable waters. [See map 13 on preceding page.]

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Yakutat Area

Yakutat District Ranger
Tongass National Forest

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Species / Customary and Traditional Use Determinations	Harvest Limits	Open Season
Yakutat Area		
All Fish Except Salmon, Dolly Varden, Trout, Smelt and Eulachon		
• No determination (All rural residents)	No limit	Year-round
Fresh water upstream from terminus of streams and rivers of the Yakutat Area from Doame River to the Tsiu River		
Salmon — Subsistence fishing permit required.		
• Residents of the area east of Yakutat Bay, including the islands within Yakutat Bay, west of the Situk River drainage, and south of and including Knight Island.	As specified on subsistence fishing permit. Salmon, Dolly Varden, or trout taken incidentally by gear operated under the terms of a subsistence permit for salmon may be retained for subsistence purposes. You must report the fish taken in this manner on your permit calendar.	As scheduled. See regulation on the next page.
Fresh water upstream from the terminus of streams and rivers of the Yakutat Area from the Doame River to Point Manby		
Dolly Varden and Steelhead Trout — Subsistence fishing permit required for Dolly Varden. Steelhead trout may only be taken in the Situk and Ahrnklin Rivers and you must have a Federal subsistence fishing permit.		
• Residents of the area east of Yakutat Bay, including the islands within Yakutat Bay, west of the Situk River drainage, and south of and including Knight Island.	As specified on subsistence fishing permit with up to 10 Dolly Varden of any size per day and in possession. Salmon, Dolly Varden, or trout taken incidentally by gear operated under the terms of a subsistence permit for salmon may be retained for subsistence purposes. You must report the fish taken in this manner on your permit calendar.	
Smelt		
• Residents of the area east of Yakutat Bay, including the islands within Yakutat Bay, west of the Situk River drainage, and south of and including Knight Island.	No limit	Year-round
Remainder of the Yakutat Area		
Dolly Varden and Trout — Subsistence fishing permit required.		
• Residents of Southeast Alaska and Yakutat Areas.	As specified on subsistence fishing permit with up to 10 Dolly Varden of any size per day and in possession. Salmon, Dolly Varden, or trout taken incidentally by gear operated under the terms of a subsistence permit for salmon may be retained for subsistence purposes. You must report the fish taken in this manner on your permit calendar.	
Smelt and Eulachon		
• Residents of Southeast Alaska and Yakutat Areas.	No limit	Year-round

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Species / Customary and Traditional Use Determinations	Harvest Limits	Open Season
Remainder of the Yakutat Area (Continued)		
Salmon — Subsistence fishing permit required.		
• No determination (All rural residents)	As specified on subsistence fishing permit. Salmon, Dolly Varden, or trout taken incidentally by gear operated under the terms of a subsistence permit for salmon may be retained for subsistence purposes. You must report the fish taken incidentally on your permit calendar.	As scheduled. See regulation below.

Special Provisions

- You may take fish (except salmon, Dolly Varden and trout) at any time without a subsistence fishing permit, unless specified by emergency action.
- When harvesting salmon in the Situk River, each subsistence salmon fishing permit holder must attend their gillnet at all times.
- Fishing gear for the taking of salmon, trout, and Dolly Varden may be restricted on the subsistence fishing permit.
- In areas where use of rod and reel is allowed, you may use artificial fly, lure, or bait when fishing with rod and reel, unless restricted by Federal permit. If you use bait, you must retain all Federally-regulated fish species caught, and they apply to your applicable daily and annual harvest limits for that species. For streams with steelhead, once your daily or annual limit of steelhead is harvested, you may no longer fish with bait for any species.

Regulations

- You may not take salmon during the period starting 48 hours immediately before, during, and 48 hours after each State commercial salmon net fishing period. This applies to each river or bay fishery individually. However, when the length of the weekly State commercial salmon net fishing period exceeds two days in any Yakutat Area salmon net fishery, the subsistence fishing period is from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday in that location.
- You may not possess subsistence-taken and sport-taken salmon on the same day.
- You must remove both lobes of the caudal (tail) fin from subsistence-caught salmon when taken (see Fin Identification, page 19).
- You may block up to two-thirds of a stream with a gillnet or seine used for subsistence fishing.



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